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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A circuit array for controlling operation of two loads that

operate with a rectified AC voltage, the circuit array comprising:

a semiconductor switch on a circuit path that includes the two loads; and

a control unit to generate a switch control signal that controls the semiconductor switch:

wherein the control unit comprises:

a phase detection device to detect whether a phase of the AC voltage is positive

or negative, and to output a detection signal that is based on whether the phase is positive

or negative; and

a logic unit to generate the switch control signal based on load control signals and

the detection signal.

2. (Previously Presented) The circuit array of claim 1, wherein the control unit further

comprises a time control circuit for generating one of the load control signals, the time control

circuit generating the one of the load control signals at a predetermined time.

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3. (Previously Presented) The circuit array of claim 1, wherein the control unit further

comprises a sensor circuit for generating one of the load control signals, the sensor circuit

generating the one of the load control signals in response to a sensed condition.

4. (Previously Presented) The circuit array of claim 1, wherein the logic unit is

comprises a multiplexer that receives the load control signals and that outputs the switch control

signal in response to the detection signal.

5. (Previously Presented) The circuit array of claim 1, wherein the circuit array is part of

an integrated circuit.

6. (Previously Presented) An electronic device, comprising:

an input having leads to receive AC voltage;

a circuit array for controlling a switch to apply voltage to two loads based on whether a

phase of the AC voltage is positive or negative and load control signals generated separately for

the two loads; and

a rectifier that is connected to the input and that provides the voltage to the loads, the

voltage being generated from the AC voltage, wherein the rectifier comprises an open bridge

circuit, and wherein the voltage comprises different half waves of the AC voltage that are applied

to different loads.

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7. (Previously Presented) The electronic device of claim 6, wherein the circuit array

comprises:

a phase detection device to detect whether a phase of the AC voltage is positive or

negative and to output a detection signal that corresponds to the phase; and

a logic unit to generate, based on the load control signals and the detection signal, a

switch control signal to control the switch.

8. (Previously Presented) The electronic device of claim 6, wherein the control unit

comprises a time control circuit for generating one of the load control signals, the time control

circuit generating the one of the load control signals at a predetermined time.

9. (Previously Presented) The electronic device of claim 6, wherein the control unit

comprises a sensor circuit for generating one of the load control signals, the sensor circuit

generating the one of the load control signals in response to a sensed condition.

10. (Previously Presented) The electronic device of claim 7, wherein the logic unit

comprises a multiplexer that receives the load control signals and that outputs the switch control

signal in response to the detection signal.

11. (Previously Presented) The electronic device of claim 6, wherein the circuit array is

part of an integrated circuit.

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12. (Withdrawn) Circuitry for controlling application of voltage to first and second

loads, the circuitry comprising:

a switch between ground and the first and second loads;

a first circuit to output a first signal indicating to power the first load;

a second circuit to output a second signal indicating to power the second load;

a phase detector to output a third signal indicative of a phase of an AC voltage;

logic that operates in response to the first signal, the second signal, and the third signal to

open or close the switch; and

a rectifier to provide one half wave of the AC voltage to the first load and a different half

wave of the AC voltage to the second load.

13. (Withdrawn) The electronic device of claim 12, wherein the first circuit comprises a

time control circuit, the time control circuit generating the first signal at a predetermined time.

14. (Withdrawn) The electronic device of claim 12, wherein the second circuit

comprises a sensor circuit, the sensor circuit generating the second signal in response to a sensed

condition.

15. (Withdrawn) The electronic device of claim 12, wherein the logic outputs a control

signal, and the switch comprises a transistor having a gate that receives the control signal.

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16. (Withdrawn) The electronic device of claim 12, wherein the rectifier comprises a

resistive-capacitive circuit that includes diodes.

17. (Withdrawn) The electronic device of claim 12, wherein the logic comprises:

a first AND gate that receives the first signal and an inverted version of the third signal,

and that outputs a first intermediary signal;

a second AND gate that receives the second signal and the inverted version of the third

signal, and that outputs a second intermediary signal; and

an OR gate that receives the first intermediary signal and the second intermediary signal,

and that outputs a control signal that is applied to the switch to open or to close the switch.

18. (Withdrawn) The electronic device of claim 12, wherein the logic comprises a

multiplexer that receives the first and second signals and that outputs a signal to control the

switch in response to the third signal.

19. (New) The circuit array of claim 1, wherein the semiconductor switch on the circuit

path that includes the two loads comprises a single MOSFET device.

20. (New) The circuit array of claim 1, wherein the circuit array for controlling a switch

to apply voltage to the two loads is configured to:

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apply a voltage to a first one of the two loads when a phase of the AC voltage is positive and

apply a voltage to a second one of the two loads when a phase of the AC voltage is negative.

21. (New) The circuit array of claim 1, wherein the semiconductor switch is connected between ground and the two loads.